

Columbus, GA – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) today presented a check for \$25,000 to the House of Mercy. The money presented was raised at February’s annual Black History Breakfast, hosted by Congressman Bishop.

Congressman Bishop thanked the Black History Committee, and House of Mercy staff and volunteers for their time, love, patience, and devotion. Mr. Bishop also invoked the memory of House of Mercy founder, Mrs. Ocie Harris, who provided a Christian atmosphere to all in need. Mr. Bishop said Ms. Harris exemplified the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said, “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

House of Mercy was founded in 1976 by Ocie Harris and provides food, shelter, clothing, medical care, and other outreach to the homeless of South Georgia. In addition to offering educational services and Christmas presents to children, House of Mercy has served well over one million meals. Receiving no local, state, or federal funding, House of Mercy relies on private and voluntary contributions. For more information on this organization, please visit www.houseofmercycolumbus.org

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